Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1) 30th Edavam 1102. But the order for its return was passed on 28th Edavam 1102 before the receipt of the Diwan's Proceedings referred to in (2).

(2) 28th Edavam 1102.

(3) It has been the practice in the department to receive applications in duplicate in cases where the sanction of a higher authority is required for the leave.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This question also I have not put. I put a number of questions, and Government think that all unpleasant questions come from me.

President.—What is the justification for you to say that your questions are unpleasant ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Because this question was not put by me.

President.—Why should you think Government consider your questions to be unpleasant ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I am in the habit of asking troublesome questions. (*Loud Laughter*).

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We do not take it in that light.

President.—Is it your honest opinion that your questions will be considered unpleasant by the Government ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Not unpleasant but troublesome.

President.—You put questions for information. We have to disclose information. There is no question of pleasantness or unpleasantness either in the question or in the answer. We want to show our cards to you.

How is it that these mistakes arose, Mr. Krishna Menon ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I shall have to look into the file.

156. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the specific orders disobeyed by Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon referred to in the answer to question No. 72(a) of the legislative session of Vrischigam 1103?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(1) Order dated 20th Kanni 1101 and 28th Kanni 1101 to furnish within the time fixed the information and the reports and explanations therein called for.

(2) Departmental circular No. 5 of 1097 directing to produce the tobacco taken into custody before the Magistrate within 24 hours from the time of seizure.

(3) The same circular requiring him to call for and consider the plea and contention of the accused before charging the case.

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(4) Order requiring the Inspector to prepare an E. R. and to send it to the Superintendent's Office for information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—That is also not mine.

President.—Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar disclaims the responsibility. We shall proceed with the other questions. After looking into the file the error can be rectified.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—For the information of this House, I wish to say that I put all these questions. By some mistake Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar's name is put in there for my name.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The records show that Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar is right. The mistake arose in typing, and the office is sorry for it.

President.—The original records show that these questions were really put by Mr. Kunjunni Raja. When these were typed somehow the wrong name crept in. Supposing I make the corrections and note the correct interpellator, can you go on with these questions?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Yes, Sir.

(The President asked the Council Secretary to make the necessary corrections in the questions, and the questions in their correct form were read out again, so that Mr. Kunjunni Raja might have an opportunity of putting supplementary questions, if any.)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know the hour at which the order was received by the Superintendent?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I remember it was at about 9 o'clock at night.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When were orders passed?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—In the morning.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Apart from the alleged practice, is there any Standing Order that there should be a duplicate?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the orders passed on the 20th and 28th of Kanni 1102?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have called for the submission of these particulars.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what were the two specific orders?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—This is the order passed on 20th Kanni :—" When did the Inspector reach Kanjani, and how did he get possession of the permit book? He ought to have stated the facts in full. He will now do so within twenty-four hours from the receipt of this order".

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was there not an interim report from the Inspector on the 18th of the month about the occurrence ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The question is what are the orders passed on the 20th and 28th of Kanni. I have read one of these orders, namely, that dated 20th Kanni 1102. I submit that the supplementary question does not arise from the answer now given.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What is the second order?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The second order is:—"The time of receipt of this memo should be noted, and the particulars called for herein should be furnished within twenty-four hours from the time of receipt."

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did not the report of the Inspector on the 18th of that month disclose all these facts ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly read that report ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I do not know why I should read his report. If the President asks me, I shall read it.

President.—His point is, if the report is read, he would show that the answer given is not correct.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have the order, and that was disobeyed by not furnishing within the time fixed, i e., 24 hours after the receipt of the order, the information and the reports and explanations therein called for. Therefore these facts could not have been stated by the Inspector in his report.

President.—What he wanted was to explain the delay. That certainly could not have been submitted within 24 hours after the receipt of the report by you.

157. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the predecessor of the present Superintendent has recorded in writing in diaries, etc, appreciative remarks with regard to the work of Mr. C. P. Govinda Menon, the late Excise Inspector; if so, what are those remarks ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Circuit diaries are destroyed after one year. In view of this and in the absence of any indication as to the other papers adverted to, it is not possible to furnish the information asked for.

Consumption, etc., of fuel.

158. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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